

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A point of sale terminal comprising:
~~_____ a housing;~~
~~_____ a point of sale key pad located within said housing at a bottom location thereat;~~
~~_____ a point of sale display located within said housing;~~
~~_____ a printer located within said housing at a top location thereat;~~
a point of sale transaction circuitry located within said housing;
at least one card reader located in said housing; and
a recessed socket defined by said housing at an intermediate location thereat,
said intermediate location being intermediate said key pad at said bottom location and
said printer at said top location,
said socket being configured to accommodate for selectably receiving a mobile
computing/communicating device and for permitting communication between said mobile
computing/communicating device and said point of sale transaction circuitry;
said point of sale transaction circuitry is operative both independently of and in
cooperation with said having a mobile computing/communicating device display therein in an
orientation relative to said housing and to said point of sale display wherein said point of sale
display and said computing/communicating device display lie generally parallel to each other.
2. (currently amended) A point of sale terminal according to claim 1 and also
comprising ~~wherein said point of sale display is~~ associated with said point of sale transaction
circuitry.
3. (currently amended) A point of sale terminal according to claim 2 and also
comprising transaction security circuitry associated with said point of sale transaction circuitry

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and with said point of sale display.

4. (original) A point of sale terminal according to claim 1 and also comprising a hard-wired interface circuitry for permitting communication between said mobile computing/communicating device and said point of sale transaction circuitry.

5. (original) A point of sale terminal according to claim 1 and also comprising wireless interface circuitry for permitting communication between said mobile computing/communicating device and said point of sale transaction circuitry.

6. (original) A point of sale terminal according to claim 1 and wherein said mobile computing/communicating device comprises a device selected from the group consisting of portable computers, PDAs, beepers, portable telephones, mobile communicators and cellular telephones.

7. (original) A point of sale terminal according to claim 1 and also comprising auxiliary memory selectably associatable with said point of sale transaction circuitry.